Antiques in private Art Galleries.

570. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that antiques worth lakhs have been recovered following the raids conducted at the two private art galleries in Aurobindo Marg, South Delhi;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made by Government into the circumstances under which these found place in the private art galleries;

(c) if so, the number and value of these antiques and of those illegally picked from the excavation site in Mathura and kept in the private art galleries; and

(d) the action Government have against the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. 35 and 11 stone and terracotta objects have been seized on 24-12-92 from the two private art galleries, namely, M/s. Gupta Bros. Art Gallery and Qutab Art Gallery respectively located at Aurbindo Marg, near Qutab Minar, South Delhi, New Delhi.

(b) The matter is under investigation with the Central Bureau of Investigation, Special Investigating Unit (XII), New Delhi.

(c) Except 2 objects, the remaining 44 are antiquities. The valuation in respect of antiquities in monetary terms remains to be done by the Investigating agency. No antiquity is reported to be picked up from the excavation site at Mathura.

(d) The matter is seized with the investigating agency.

Making use of unfair means in examination a cognisable offence

571. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to make the use of unfair means in examinations a cognisable offence; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for pilot projects for School Drop-out in A. P.

572. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOUMEN be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for sanctioning of two pilot projects in Nizamabad and Chittor districts to tackle the problem of school drop outs;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether these projects have since been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as follows:

(1) *Universalisation of Elementary Education in Chittor District Objective*